



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-01250

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Using A Mobile Phone

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

### Clarification sought:

Can you please advise if you are content to receive the total number of detections and not those that resulted in a charge as <2% of mobile phone detections result in a charge, and we want to ascertain if you are viewing a detection as a charge.

### Clarification received from you the requester:

Apologies for the confusion, I would like to know the number of fixed penalty notices that have been issued for mobile phone offences if this is available.

### Request

I would like to request the number of drivers who have been charged with a CU80 driving offence (using a mobile phone while driving) under Section 41D of the Road Traffic Act. Specifically, I would like the number of people charged in the city of Belfast in the last financial year.

I would like to know the number of fixed penalty notices that have been issued for mobile phone offences if this is available.

### Answer

The number of detections for mobile phone offences from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 was a total of 3,573, of which a total of 486 were in Belfast City District.

These figures are provisional and subject to change.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a

review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.